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How foolishly we let our time pass on. How many things we have proposed to do, how many planned; yet how we loiter in our noblest purposes .- Goethe.

A REPUBLICAN'S REMINDER.

When a Republican Congressma warns the people against concentrated power in Washington, it is time infor them to take heed. Such a warning has come from Representative Samuel W. McCall, of Massachusetts. In a speech delivered on Thursday at Marshfield, Mass., where the body of Daniel Webster is buried, he quoted the following extract from one of Mr. Webster's speeches:

o rescue liberty from the grasp of executive power. On the long list of champions of human freedom there is not one name dimmed by the reproach of advocating the extension of executive authority.'

"The tendency of the times," added Mr. McCall, "appears to be, first, to centralize all power at Washington But I say let the people keen, to be exercised under their very essary to national unity and safety, and let them adhere to representaernment by representatives chosen with reasonable fidelity, you will have a

a President supremely lacking in the ment, a mere glutton of the limelight, even his country's freedom for mo-

mentary appliques."

Whether this is a bit of fine sarcasm, or merely a warning, we shall osition that if the power of the people is transferred from the several States sold to the City Home? to Washington and from the legislawith a rod of iron.

to attention. If the republic is to be the cky demand it. saved from centralization, the Democrats must do it. Their opportunity stead of trying to surpass the radi- ter from Mr. O. E. Peterson, of Pampcalism of Roosevelt, they should, as lin City, in which he tells us about Mr. McCall counsels, "adhere to the representative government of the fa- is doing with his demonstration farms. which from the foundation of the

for we are peculiarly the champions of the doctrine of States' rights and

local self-government.
"It seems to me," said President

Mr. McCall's speech, delivered on the for the public schools. same soll, is a forceful rejoinder. But shall we of the South wait for a New England Republican to call us to duty?

Our own conscience should rouse us to George Fred Williams are well supaction and compel us to take a lead-

The Roanoke World "most heartily joins The Times-Dispatch in urging

that all other newspapers in the State will co-operate. The greatest asset of the State is the youth. The Times-Dispatch does not believe in paternal- | vote,

ism, but the State should use all legitimate powers to save delinquent onys and girls from a criminal life. Prevention is better than cure. Juve nile courts are better than reforma-tories. Our endeavor should be to tories. save delinquents from either jalls or reformatories. The way to do it is to boys and who will dea. with all youthful criminals brought before him as a loving father would deal with his Sunday edition only.. 2.00 1.00 .50 .25 should never be inflicted until it be Weekly (Wednesday), 1.00 .50 .25 ... demonstrated that the offender is in-

> OUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. The investigation at the City Hom-

should have the effect to direct public attention once again to the need of radical reforms in our system of municipal government. Even if there was no corruption, there was unpardonable carclessness, and in this respect the Council itself is not by any means above criticism.

In a recent issue of The Times-Dispatch, the following statement was made by one of our reporters:

"General complaint has been made heretofore regarding the slow method by which important resolutions are handled by committees and in Council, and while all of this may not be due primarily to any obstinate feeling on the part of members, it is a fact nevertheless that the business of the city departments suffers because of the small-like pace. Evidence of this came to the surface at the meeting of the Committee on Relief of the Poor held at the City Home Monday night. "Recommendations from the superin-

Recommendations from the superin tendent, all of which are urgent, have been 'on the table' for months, it ap-pearing that it is not the duty of any man in particular to look after their passage. An instance was cited by Dr. E. G. Williams. The cook at the home receives only \$15 a month, and to get good results it was shown that this amount had to be increased. The baker receives \$45. Months ago the committee recommended that the cook's wages be increased, but the matter has been hung up somewhere, and meanwhile the conditions are such that changes are imperative. The services of a good man cannot be secured at that price, and while there is no serious objection to the plan for paying more, the resolution has been shifted from one committee to another, and G. Williams. The cook at the home from one committee to another, and the effort to trace it is more difficult than the average man familiar with legislative methods would imagine."

These are fair samples of the manner in which the city's affairs are carried venience of the Council. No matter how trivial a matter is, the Council must act on it, and no matter how important a matter is, the public must wait until the Council gets good and ready to act. Our present system of municipal government is the greatest absurdity of the age and a reflection upon our common sense.

PROBE DEEPER.

The committee of the Council which bids to furnish wood at the City Home were tampered with has done well gone far enough by any means.

The committee finds that the bids opened when they were in the official custody of I. Lovenstein, First Assistant Superintendent of the Home, and consequently either with his connivance or due to his negli-

The public will not be satisfied with that halfway report. It is conceded that the envelopes were opened But by whom? And for what purpose? If Mr. Lovenstein opened them, or if ance," he had a partner. Who was it? gotistic, impulsive, of immature judg- If Mr. Lovenstein had no knowledge of the transaction, if the envelopes barter away prosperity and were opened "through his negligence," some one else did the job. Who was

> Other irregularities were hinted at during the investigation. What were asked about the measurement of wood

tive bodies to the chief executive, must go deeper. All the facts must be White House and rule the people sons connected with this shady transaction must be exposed and brought to Mr. McCall has called the Democrats justice. The good name and welfare of

In another column we publish a let-

world has cherished human freedom." but our correspondent gives personal This is peculiarly a call to the South, testimony. He has "demonstrated" to

Roosevelt, in his Massachusetts speech, direction of the Virginia Co-operative Roosevelt, in his Massachusetts speech. "that such questions as national sovereignty and States' rights need to be treated not empirically or academically, but from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whola in so far as it means the sovereignty of the people used for the real and ultimate good of the people; and States' rights are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are the sovereignty of the people; and ultimate good of the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are to be upheld in so far as they mean the people; and states are the visable mean and the people was a solid mass of massery at the base of Witching the memorial.

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he is in favor of nominating William J. Bryan for President. As the Hous-ton Post would say, we had suspicioned it.

Secretary Root has gone to Muldoon's to take athletic treatment. Why didn't he go to Oyster Bay?

Secretary Taft seems to be hidding against Sengtor Forsker for the negro

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secura with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Ellot

No. 1272.

Napoleon.

By LORD BYRON.

There sunk the greatest, nor the worst, of men,
Whose spirit, antithetically mixed,
One moment of the mightlest, and again
On little objects with like firmness fixed;
Extreme in all things; hadst thou been betwixt,
Thy throne had still been thine, or never been;
For daring made thy rise as fall; thou seek'st
Even now to reassume the imperial mien,
And shake again the world, the Thunderer of the scene!

Conqueror and captive of the earth art thou!

She trembles at thee still, and thy wild name
Was ne'er more bruited in men's minds than now
That thou are nothing, save the jest of Fame.
Who woo'd thee once, thy vassal, and became
The flatterer of thy flerceness, till thou wert
A god unto thyself; nor less the same
To the astounded kingdoms all inert,
Who deemed thee for a time whate'er thou didst assert.

Oh! more or less than man-in high or low. Battling with nations, flying from the field;
Now making monarchs' necks thy footstool, now
More than thy meanest soldier taught to yield:
An empire thou couldst crush, command, rebuild, But govern not thy pettiest passion, nor, However deeply in men's spirits skilled, Look through thine own, nor curb the lust of war. Nor learn that tempted Fate will leave the loftiest star.

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Borrowed Jingles

WHEN DELIA SINGS.

For if the song is low and sad she can make strong men cry like mad; Or gay, her dainty archness wiles An audience till it smiles and amiles; And oft her lullables have drawn Ev'n from society a yawn.

And as with tranced cars I drink Her music in I always think (On nearly always) how divine, How flawless, is this girl of mine; Indeed, to muse on angel's wings is quite the rule when Delia sings.

But when my Della madly turns To songs of love-of love that but And stings and yearns—of bygone to Of those last hours and that last kis Aa me! I am not all at ease When Delia tackles themes like these.

For then, before a crowded room, She stands in all her maiden bloom While from that peerless larynx gush Words that would make a turkey blu

Maybe she does it unawares And sings them coram populo

And yet—such force these words inspire;
Such passion—such familiar fire—
That solemn questions come unsought,
Whether she's quite the sigt I thought!—
Such is the grave, grave doubt that wrings
My trusting heart when Delia sings.
—Punch.

State Accounting.

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The Constitutional Convention of 1901 recognized the looseness and danger of existing conditions and inserted into the chapter on the Executive Department a clause making it mandatory on the General Assembly "to provide for the establishment and maintenance of an efficient system of checks and balances between the officers at the seat of government intrusted with the collection, receipt, oustody or disbursement of the revenues of the Stata," and also requiring that all officials and employes handling public funds should give hounds in sufficient amounts to protect the Commonwealth. A statute has been passed, we believe, giving effect to the last requirement, but the work of the Withers committee seems to have been the first step taken by the General Assembly to carry out a plain randate of the Constitution, which became effective several years since.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

lin City, in which he tells us about the good work that Mr. T. O. Sandy is doing with his demonstration farms.

The Times-Dispatch has referred more than once to Mr. Sai "s work, but our correspondent gives personal testimony. He has "demonstrated" to his own satisfaction, and assures the public that he is well pleased with the result.

This work is being done under the direction of the Virginia Co-operative

visible memorial.

An equestrian statue of Capiain William O'Noll, of the Rough Riders, the work of Soion H. Borglum, has been receted in Prescett, Ark., and was unveiled on the ninth anniversary of the battle of Santiago, in which this officer jost his life.

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A statistical report recently published by the British government shows that there are 20,000 Jews in Cape Colony, 15,000 in India, 17,000 in Australia 16,000 in Canada and 4,000 in Ireland. A Yiddish paper commenting on the report says: "These figures look large, but they become small when compared with New York, where there are in two wards more American Jews than there are British Jews all over the world." joins The Times-Dispatch in urging thon the next Legislature of Virginia to provide for the establishment of such a court in the cities of this Etate."

We are glad to have the support of our able contemporary, and we hope that all other newspapers in the State to the such a court in the cities of this that all other newspapers in the State to the such as the contemporary and we hope that all other newspapers in the State to the support of to Cyster Bay?

If Mr. Bonaparte resigns from the United States are women. Among tobacco and cigar operators two-thirds are women, and of the bookbieders mere than hair.

Ambasador Bryce will be the principal apeaker at the thirtieth annual meeting of the American Bar Association, which will be held in Portland, Me., Wednesday, August 25th.

Occurs Horton, the American compulsion.

gust 28th.

George Horton, the Ambrican consul-general at Athene, is about to take a leave of absence and come to the United States, where he is to deliver a series of lectures dealing with his observations and experiences in modern Greece.

Such is the grave, grave doubt that wrings My trusting heart when Delia sings.

—Punch, COMMENTS OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

The War on Wealth.

There is hardly a State in the Union in which there has not in the past year or two been lesislation looking to curbing the activities of corporations, or proceedings in the ceurts, having the same object in view. In abspect of their attack.

To superficial observers the people seem hent on destroying the corporations. Undeabledly there are some people whose restricted it is superficial observers the people seem that they would proceed in this extreme, but the great bedy of the thinking people of this country know the advantages derived from the activities of aggregated wealth, and have no idea of proceeding to any such extreme as externianting the corporations.—Staunton Dispatch.

State Accounting.

Dear nimself with chivalry toward his unsuccessful competitors.

"Crop conditions in Southside Virginia and Miss Lizzie Norveil, from Mecklenburg.

"Crop conditions in Southside Virginia were never better at this season of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer to the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer from the xholace of the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer to the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer to the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer to the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer to the promise of the year," said a prominent farmer to the promise of the year," said a prominen

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The Eastern Shore of Virginia is too fair and inviting a section and too prosperous to be discurbed by race conflicts. The recent riot, while provided by resistance to law of a few negroes, led by one of their race, to whom they seem to look as a leader, was naturally followed by some other acts of lawisseness on the part of white citizens. It always has been and always will be true at the first step taken by the Govern of the Minston "but you may state that my observation is that the people all over Tidewater Virginia, without reference to past political affiliations, are greatly pleased with Governor Swangon's administration. They are saying that the proposed with Governor Swangon's administration. They are saying the provided him in business methods are on public occasions. Our people at the fact of lawisseness on the part of white citizens. It always has been spending the summer in west allower matters with the Govern or until the Covernor part of the state to the coverning the oyster industry," said Mr. Lee, when seen at Murphy's last night just before leaving for the Mrs. Susan F. Lipscomb, of Moneta, my observation is that the people all announces the marriage of her daugh-over Tidewater Virginia, without reference to past political affiliations, are greatly pleased with Governor Swangon's administration. They are saying the provided him in business methods are defined to the coverning the overtient of the people all of the

R. JOHN H. P. HODGSON, of New York, announces the engagement of his sister, Miss Sarah Hodgson, of Sewance, Tenn., to Dr. Oscar N. Torain, of Indianapolis, Ind., the wedding to take place September 19th in St. Luke's Memorial Chapel, Sewance, Tenn. Miss Hodgson has frequently visited Miss Hodgson has frequently visited her aunt, Mrs. Stephen Hughes, in Richmond, and been much entertained here. The recent loss of her mother will render the celebration of her wed-

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ding very quiet.

Her father, the late Roy. Telfair Hodgson, of Sewanee University, was one of the best-known and most beloved among the educators of the

Charming House Party.

"Cessford," the beautiful country home of Mr. A. A. Owen, near South Boston, Va., was the scene last week of a delightful house party given by his charming daughter, Miss Frances, in honor of Miss Isabel Grey, of Jackson, Tenn.

Those participating in the galeties were Misses Isabel Grey, Jackson, Tenn.; Harriet Wilson, News Ferry; Bessic Easley and May Fowlkes, South Boston; Mary and Annie Owen, Turbeville; Messrs, William MacLeod, Lynchburg; Harry Whaley and Rufus Owen, Black Walnut; Dan Owen, Denniston; Baxter Wilson, News Ferry; Bailey Eagley, South Boston; Archer Owen, Turbeville.

Famous Diamonds.



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